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SUBJ: CONSULTATION WITH WHO A/DG FURTH ON 1975 BUDGET AND
RELATED MATTERS

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1. IN COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH A/DG FURTH OF WORLD
HEALTH ORGANIZATION MISOFF LEARNED THAT 1975 PROGRAM
BUDGET WOULD PROVIDE INCREASE OF NOT IN EXCESS OF 6.2 PERCENT
OVER 1974. NE SUPPLEMENTARY FOR 1974 ANTICIPATED DESPITE
DOLLAR DEVALUATION UNLESS UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES
RECOMMENDATION FOR FOLDING-IN TO SALARIES OF FIVE POST
ADJUSTMENT INCREMENTS AND REVISED PENSION SCHEME
RECOMMENDED BY JOINT PENSION BOARD. APPROVAL OF THESE
PROPOSALS WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL COSTS TO WHO OF 2.5
MILLION DOLLARS PLUS UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF 1975 BUDGET.

2. PROBLEM OF OVER CREDITATION TO THE REDUCTION OF US PERCENTAGE
CONTRIBUTION FOR 1974 FROM PROVISIONAL ASSESSMENTS OF GDR
AND NORTH KOREA WILL INVOLVE SHORTFALL OF \$600,000 WHICH WHO
PROPOSES TO OBTAIN FROM CASUAL INCOME. FURTH ANTICIPATES
THIS PROPOSAL BY WHO MAY BE RESISTED BY MEMBERS WHO WILL
CLAIM THAT US ASSESSMENT FOR 1974 SHOULD BE REVISED UPWARD
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TO MAKE UP THIS AMOUNT.

3. RE INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER FURTH AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF ACABQ REPORT CONTAINED A/9008 (ADDENDUM (REFTEL) AND SAID THAT DG MAHLER INTENDED MAKE STRONG PROTEST TO ACC. FURTH NOTED THAT PREP COM HAD DECIDED HIRE AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO INVESTIGATE PROBLEM OF DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES, APPROPRIATENESS OF HARDWARE AND REVAL CLAIMS AS TO UNIT COSTS OF ICC VS NEW YORK COMPUTER CENTER. THE COST OF THIS PROJECT ESTIMATED AT \$60,000 WILL BE SHARED BY ICC MEMBER AGENCIES PLUS OTHER AGENCIES LOCATED IN GENEVA. ADDITION, PREP COM WILL ASK JIU INSPECTOR BENDER TO EXAMINE PROBLEM OF SPACE FOR ICC IN GENEVA.

4. FURTH ALSO OBSERVED THAT HOPES FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN ICC BY ILO HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED AS THE RESULT OF A STRONG LETTER FROM ACABQ CHAIRMAN TO ILO URGING THIS MOVE (NOTE: MISSION HAS HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES INCLUDING RECENT GENEVA GROUP MEETING THAT AFFIRMATIVE DECISION BY ILO MAY BE IN THE OFFING ALTHOUGH STRONG RESISTANCE CONTINUES WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION). FURTH HOPES THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY RESULT IN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER ICC TO NEW ILO BUILDING IN PLACE OF ILO COMPUTOR WHEN CURRENT FIVE YEAR ICC ARRANGEMENT WITH WHO RUNS OUT IN 1975. HE REITERATED THAT, DESPITE THE INSTALLATION COSTS INVOLVED IN SUCH A MOVE, AN OVERALL SAVING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED SHOULD BE POSSIBLE.

5. RE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH PROJECT SAIGON, FURTH REVEALED, IN CONFIDENCE, THAT JAPANESE DEPT OF HEALTH HAS REQUESTED PARLIAMENT BUDGETARY AMOUNT OF \$600,000 TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT.BASSIN

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